

Mississippi Trauma Advisory Committee

Mississippi State Department of Health

Ramada Inn Southwest

Jackson, Ms

Minutes

September 2, 2004

MTAC Members Present:

Brian W. Amy, M.D., MHA, MPH
Hugh Gamble, M.D.
John Nelson, M.D.
John Riggs, EMT.P
John Braham, M.D.
Christine Weiland, R.N.
Wade N. Spruill
Robert Galli, M.D.
Gregory Timberlake, M.D.
William Avara, M.D.
Bennie Wright, M.D.

MTAC Members Not Present:

William Billups, III, M.D.
David Cook, R.N.
Ben Yarbrough, M.D.
Charles Piggott, M.D.

Others Present:

Keith Parker
Jonathan Chaney
Kelly Trinkner
Christy Craft
Alisa Williams
Jim Wadlington
Natalie Wagner
Erin Granberry
Christy Wilson

I. Call to Order:

Dr. Amy called meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

II. Adoption of Minutes:

Minutes from previous MTAC meeting were adopted by acclamation.

III. Director's Report:

Mr. Parker introduced Dr. Bob Galli as the newly appointed State Emergency Medical Services Medical Director. Mr. Parker reported that Dr. Galli will be working closely with the Mississippi Trauma Advisory Committee (MTAC), as well as, the regions and hospitals within the trauma system. Mr. Parker introduced Ms. Christy Craft as the new Trauma Program Manager and Ms Billie Collier as the new Account/Auditor for the trauma system.

Mr. Parker announced that Level II and III Trauma Center re-inspections are being scheduled. He reported that reminder letters have been sent to the Administrators and Trauma Program Managers at those facilities. Which stated that for provisionally designated trauma center to receive 100% of their uncompensated care reimbursement funds they would have to receive complete designation by the end of the calendar year.

Mr. Parker announced that Level IV Trauma Centers will submit their applications for designation to the Bureau of Emergency Medical Services and that in-office personnel will conduct review. The recommendation of those reviews will be brought back to MTAC for discussion.

Mr. Parker announced that Baptist Memorial Hospital in Oxford and North Mississippi Medical Center-West Point received educational visits in February.

Mr. Parker stated that Oktibbeha County Hospital in Starkville has sent a letter requesting to participate in the Mississippi Trauma Care System as a Level III and are in the process of getting their program back up and running.

Mr. Parker reported an update on the uncompensated care fund appropriated by the Legislature. He stated that the \$ 6,000,000.00 normally appropriated each year was reduced this year by 3 percent to equal \$ 5,719,627.00. He stated that through audits and reimbursements that number will increase the amount.

IV. Reports:

A. Central Trauma Care Region:

Dr. Timberlake reported that the Central Trauma Care Region is continuing to work on education and out reach. The region is continuing to work on destination guidelines and making sure that the right patients go to the right place in our Region.

B. North Trauma Care Region:

Ms Trainer reported that the Region is concentrating on education with four Trauma Nurse Coordinator Courses scheduled between now and the end of the year.

The two Level II's in the Region are offering CME/CEU credit opportunities. The Level IV's are working on completing their applications for designation that was sent out by the State.

Regional performance improvement is another thing that the Region is working on with trauma centers. The Region is also looking at destination issues and performance improvement with EMS.

C. Delta Region:

Dr. Wright announced that northern counties are still looking at developing plans to splitting up our region. That is not yet completed.

There have been some training conducted for First Responders in the Region.

Tri – Lakes Medical Center in Batesville has elected to join the trauma system as a Level IV.

The Region is also working on a compliance policy to address issues regarding our performance improvement and meeting attendance.

D. Southwest Region:

Mr. Jimmy McMannus reported that the Region is at the point of starting their media campaign for injury prevention and public awareness of our regional trauma system. Plans are to have strategically placed trauma fairs in the Region to assist with these campaigns. A fire safety demonstration by the State EMSC program was presented in Natchez.

The Region is scheduling Trauma Nurse Coordinator Courses for some of the Nurses.

Also the Region is taking the trauma registry data and looking at performance improvement issues.

E. Southeast Region:

Dr Brahan reported that there have been some major changes in the Region since the last meeting. The General Surgeon in the Region's Level II Trauma Center are getting hammered due to the increase in volume and load. Due to this four out of ten surgeons have dropped their hospital privileges and gone to work at other hospitals. The Region is trying to over come this and keep it at what is felt as a high level of service that is being provided.

F. East Central Trauma Care Region:

No report given.

G. Coastal Trauma Care Region:

Dr. Avara reported the Region sponsored an annual trauma symposium in May and plans are for another one in 2005. The Region is expanding the Risk Watch program from the

State into Jackson County and hopefully other Counties. The Region is also looking at bring in the Safe Step program for the elderly.

Dr. Avara also stated that being able to obtain a Coroners report would be valuable and the Region is struggling to obtain those.

V. Old Business:

Level I, II, III Uncompensated Care Reimbursement Policy:

Mr. Parker reported that the motion to differentiate Level I, II, and III Trauma Centers was tabled from previous meeting.

Ms Granberry from Horne CPA discussed the proposed funding changes report for the Level I, II and III Trauma Centers with the removal of the Level IVs. A copy of the report was given to all MTAC members at this meeting.

Dr. Amy called for action on the report with none voiced.

VI. New Business:

Uncompensated Care Distribution Report:

Ms. Granberry reported with the 2003 disbursement, the 70/30 ratio remained the same as in the past. That being, 70% to the hospitals and 30% to the physicians.

Ms Granberry reported that the allocated dollars are \$5,257,120.40 for the hospitals, which is 70% of the \$7,510,172.00, \$1,871,614.10 to the surgeons and \$381,437.50 to the anesthesiologist that is 30 % of \$7,510,172.00.

Mr. Spruill requested a report be done on the impact in reduction to facility and physician side with the addition of the Med.

Ms Granberry recommended that the non-inpatient rate for reimbursement remain .2 relative weight again for the coming year. There was no opposition form the Committee.

University Medical Center American College of Surgeons Verification Request:

Mr. Parker announced that UMC is formally requesting this Committee to allow ACS to conduct verification. This verification per the Mississippi Trauma Care System regulations would not be in lieu of the State designation as a Trauma Center.

Motion made by Dr. Gamble and second by Mr. Riggs.

Motion passed with no opposing. Mr. Spruill and Dr. Timberlake abstaining.

Dr. Avara stated that Signing River Hospital is applying to be designated as a Level III instead of a Level II. The Coastal Region will no longer have a level II Trauma Center.

VII. Confidential Session:

MTAC enters into confidential session

VIII. Adjourn at 3:00 p.m.